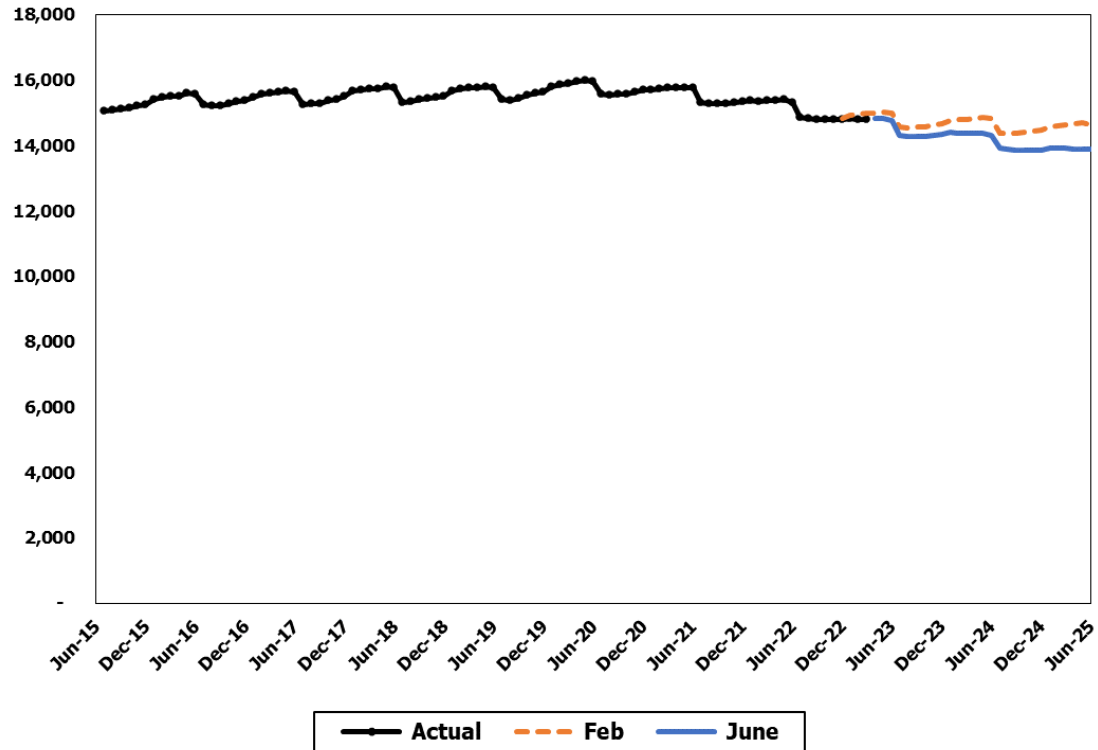


Adoption Support Maintenance Payments



The Adoption Support Maintenance Payment (ASMP) caseload forecast includes eligible adoptive families receiving monthly adoption support maintenance payments.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Feb-23 Forecast	Jun-23 Forecast	Feb to Jun Difference	Percent Difference
2023	14,902	14,792	-110	-0.7%
2024	14,681	14,326	-355	-2.4%
2025	14,508	13,873	-635	-4.4%

Compared to February, the June 2023 forecast is, on average, 110 cases or 0.7 percent lower for FY 2023 and 495 cases or 3.4 percent lower for the 2023-25 Biennium.

Tracking the Current Forecast

Month	Feb-23		Variance	Percent
	Forecast	Actual		Variance
Dec-22	14,817	14,785	-32	-0.2%
Jan-23	14,911	14,802	-109	-0.7%
Feb-23	14,943	14,781	-162	-1.1%
Mar-23	14,961	14,796	-165	-1.1%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 117 cases or 0.8 percent below the February forecast.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from	
			Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2016	15,317		
	2017	15,432	115	0.8%
	2018	15,530	98	0.6%
	2019	15,566	36	0.2%
	2020	15,693	127	0.8%
	2021	15,655	-39	-0.2%
	2022	15,319	-336	-2.1%
	2023	14,792	-527	-3.4%
Forecast	2024	14,326	-466	-3.1%
	2025	13,873	-453	-3.2%

While the COVID-19 pandemic had a smaller initial impact on the ASMP caseload than on some other services for children, average case counts have moved gradually lower since FY 2020. It is possible that the decline in the number of children in foster care over the last several years may be having a downstream impact on adoptions. Additionally, this forecast includes a step adjustment to reflect the impact of expanded guardianship supports under ESSB 5214 (Chapter 221, Laws of 2023), which is expected to result in an increase in the number of children placed into guardianship and a corresponding reduction in adoptions.

Risks to the Forecast

ASMP has historically had a stable caseload. Risks to this forecast remain relatively low but are elevated compared to prior years due to uncertainty surrounding the downward trend observed since FY 2020.

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